AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity) Docket No. Applicant(s): Takeshi Uemura et al. 42479-3317 Group Art Unit Application No. Filing Date Examiner Customer No. Confirmation No. 10/626,305 July 24, 2003 Wallenhorst, Maureen 21611 1743 1942 COMBUSTION FURNACE SYSTEM FOR ANALYZING ELEMENTS IN A SAMPLE AUG 222005 **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:** Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED ADDITIONAL CLAIMS REMAINING** HIGHEST # NUMBER EXTRA RATE **CLAIMS PRESENT** AFTER AMENDMENT PREV. PAID FOR FEE \$0.00 **TOTAL CLAIMS** 7 20 0 \$50.00 INDEP. CLAIMS 2 3 = 0 \$200.00 \$0.00 Х \$0.00 Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \boxtimes No additional fee is required for amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. \boxtimes The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. Dated: August 18, 2005 Signature Joseph W. Price I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with Reg. No. 25,124 the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first SNELL & WILMER LLP class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on 600 Anton Boulevard, Suite 1400 August 18, 2005 Costa Mesa, CA 92626 Tel: 714-427-7420 (Date) Fax: 714-427-7799 Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action of May 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: